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Group Art Unit: 3643

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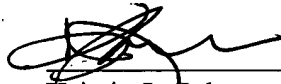
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Respectfully submitted,

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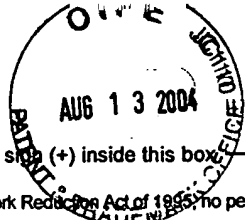
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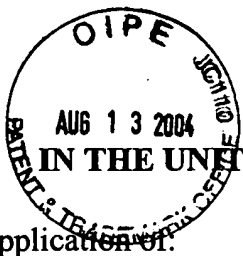
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rules 56, 97 and 98 of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98), enclosed are copies of the references listed on the attached modified Form PTO-08A. Enclosed is a copy of European Patent Document No. 0756825 A2, the English-language document which claims priority to Netherlands Patent Document No. 1000935, which is in Dutch. The undersigned does not concede that any of the identified materials constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

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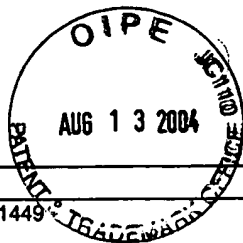
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